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Mayor Jacobs Named Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs has been named as a 2022 Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow along with 26 others elected officials from across the nation.

The Hunt Institute — established in 2001 — seeks to provide unbiased research, technical expertise, and learning opportunities that equip and empower educators and policymakers to drive equitable reforms and champion education. Their goal is an equitable American education system through which all learners achieve their highest potential in school and life.

"It's an honor to join this class," said Mayor Jacobs. "I am committed to promoting literacy, endorsing high-quality educational opportunities, and advancing alternative pathways for all students in Knox County, but navigating education policy can be cumbersome. I am hopeful this experience will help me become an even stronger education advocate and partner to our schools."

Mayor Jacobs and the other 2022 Leadership Fellows join a nonpartisan network of over 100 Fellows representing all 50 states and the District of Colombia.

As a Fellow, Mayor Jacobs and his classmates will participate in a nine-month immersion into The Hunt Institute's education continuum. It includes two in-person sessions — six days total — where Fellows visit with leading minds in education, policy, and politics; interact with educators and school leaders; participate in an intensive school site visit; and have access to policy discussions, study groups, strategic breakouts, and webinars.

"We are fortunate to have such a strong public school system in Knox County, but we can always be stronger," Mayor Jacobs said.

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